

Dairy Development Projects

3685. SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dairy Development Projects proposed to be set up at Barauni and Vaishali in Bihar have been lying pending with his Ministry after the approval of the State Government; and

(b) if so, the time by which the said projects are likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) and (b) No proposal for Vaishali has been received. The proposal received for Barauni was examined and the State Govt. was informed that the Barauni Milk Union may prepare a proposal for consideration under the Central Sector Plan Scheme "Assistance to Cooperatives".

[English]

Incident of Crimes

3686. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Virginity test of girls now comes under the purview of NHRC" appearing in 'Dainik Bhaskar', dated January 2, 1997;

(b) if so, the causes responsible for the test; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) The news item captioned "Virginity test of girls now comes under the purview of the NHRC" does not appear in the 'Dainik Bhaskar' dated 2nd January, 1997.

(b) and (c) However, the National Human Rights Commission took suo moto cognizance of the incident on the basis of the news item titled "Dignity of Test" appearing in the 'Pioneer' dated 12.12.1996 and issued notices to the Chief Secretary and the Director General of Police, Government of Madhya Pradesh, calling for reports. Appropriate action will be taken on the basis of the recommendations of the National Human Rights Commission, as and when received.

Backlog of SC/ST/OBC Vacancies

3687. DR. M. JAGANNATH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of backlog of SC/ST/OBC vacancies in the Ministry;

(b) the special drive taken or proposed to be taken to clear the backlog; and

(c) the targets set up for their clearance during the year 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) As per information available, 52 SC/ST posts are lying vacant at present in the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, its attached and subordinate offices, Public Sector Undertakings, autonomous bodies etc. So far 5 SC/ST posts have been filled up after launch of the Special Recruitment Drive.

(b) The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation has launched a Special Recruitment Drive for filling up the available SC/ST/OBC vacancies in the Department, attached and subordinate offices, Public Sector Undertakings, autonomous bodies etc.

(c) Filling up of the backlog vacancies has been delayed due to the difficulties in obtaining timely recommendation from recruitment agencies and want of required certificates such as Character antecedents from the police, caste or medical certificates. The various recruitment agencies are being reminded to expedite filling up of the posts from time to time.

[Translation]

Development of Animal Husbandry

3688. SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV :
SHRI R.L.P. VERMA :

Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware about the vast potential of animal husbandry development in Bihar;

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government to exploit the same;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to set up an Animal Husbandry Research Centre in the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying has been implementing 11 Centrally Sponsored Schemes to supplement the efforts of the State Government to exploit the potential of the animal husbandry development. A list of the scheme is enclosed as statement.

(c) to (e) The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying has no proposal at present to set up any Animal Husbandry Research Centre in the State. The two Agriculture Universities in the State are taking care of the research needs for the development of the sector.

Statement

List of Schemes of Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying

Centrally Sponsored Schemes

1. Extension of Frozen Semen Technology and Progeny Testing Programme.
2. Assistance to States for Feed and Fodder Development.
3. National Project on Rinderpest eradication.
4. Assistance to States for control of Animal Disease.
5. Professional Efficiency Development.
6. Assistance to States for Improvement/Establishment/Modernisation of abattoirs/carcass utilisation centres and primary flaying units.
7. Integrated sample surveys for estimation of production of major livestock products.
8. National Bull Production Programme.
9. National Ram/Buck Production Programme and Programme of Rabbit Development.
10. Development of Pack Animals.
11. Assistance to States for Integrated Piggery Development.

Central Institute for Fisheries

3689. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka State Government has requested to set up a Central Institute of Fisheries, Nautical and Engineering Training Institute at Malpe in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) to (c) While Karnataka State Government had not sent a formal proposal, it had forwarded a request of Akhila Karnataka Fishermen's Parishad for opening of a branch of the Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical and Engineering Training (CIFNET) at Malpe in Karnataka. Since there was no provision in the Eighth Five Year Plan for opening new branches of CIFNET it has not been possible to pursue the proposal.

[Translation]

Pollution in Ganga River

3690. DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR :
SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to release of effluents by several industries of Uttar Pradesh in Ganga, the water of the river is getting polluted;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of most polluted areas;

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government against these industries to protect the Ganga from pollution; and

(d) the number of industries against whom the cases have been registered in this connection during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) and (b) Under the Ganga Action Plan, 34 grossly polluting industries were identified for causing pollution of Ganga in Uttar Pradesh. Out of these, 22 industries are located in Kanpur which were contributing most to the river pollution.

(c) and (d) All these industries were directed to set up effluent treatment plants. As a result, presently, effluent treatment plants in 14 units are working satisfactorily and 6 units have been directed to upgrade their treatment plants. The remaining 14 units which failed to install proper treatment systems have been closed down.

[English]

Cashew Processing Units

3691. SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cashew processing units functioning in the country at present, location-wise; and

(b) the capacity utilisation thereof?